

APRIL 2009

# MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

## FROM THE MANAGER



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*Manager of Marinas and Beaches*

I normally attempt to be cheerful in my opening remarks each month, but it is somewhat difficult when so much seems to be spinning out of control with no end in sight. Let's continue to be thankful for what we have today, and hope for a better tomorrow.

I want to mention the budget briefly. As we begin the budgeting process for next year, be assured that we are evaluating all of our costs in an effort to keep slip fees down. But also recognize that what is driving a large chunk of our budget at this point is the need to accumulate funds for the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina. As always, we will be discussing this in an open forum, so stay tuned.

On the topic of the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, we have hit another stumbling block, as you may have read in the local press. The design for the rebuild of the ABM calls for an extension of docks in to the channel between Basins 3 and 4 by about 35-feet. Although the docks would protrude out further than the existing structures by 35-feet, in actuality the "channel width" is not really shrinking because there are permanent activities such as the vessels at the Sea Scout Base, the maintenance docks under the bridge and use of the Long Beach Yacht Club long dock that already use portions of this water space. This design was done in an effort to add much-needed slips into the marina. Losing that space would result in losing 58 valuable slips. The rowing community has taken a strong stance against this plan, citing loss of practice space and safety issues. As a result, we will hold more stakeholder meetings to garner input from all stakeholders, including marina customers. Again, there will be more to follow, so stay tuned.

On a different topic, I received a call from a customer last month relating to the vessel sinking that I wrote about. (Yeah! – at least one customer reads my article –

thanks Vic!) The point was that there are marina customers, especially liveaboards, who might note that there is a problem on a vessel, and they may be in a better position to see something is wrong because they pass by neighboring vessels much more frequently than we do. If you see a potential problem, please notify the marina office or Marine Patrol, and I assure you we will take action. Related to this is the need for you to ensure that we have updated contact information for you. In this day and age of cellular phones, I recognize that phone numbers change more often, so please make sure that we have current information.

The final topic for the month relates to an issue that probably impacts you, which is the implementation of the State's Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). This Act, passed in 1999, is a good effort on the surface. Obviously, marine life sustainability should be a goal shared by all, particularly those who enjoy recreating on the water. However, boating and fishing enthusiasts should be diligent in ensuring that the implementation of the Act is rationale, and addresses sustainability, but does not result in unnecessary area closures to recreational fishing and boating. Two marina organizations to which the City belongs, the Marina Recreation Association and the California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, are represented on the Stakeholder Group that is working to develop implementation policy. We are monitoring the activity of the group, and ensuring that recreational boaters' concerns are heard. A survey has been developed to ascertain input from recreational marina tenants. The survey is available at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SkF4UwW7tPnkPXX0Ytijg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SkF4UwW7tPnkPXX0Ytijg_3d_3d). In the meantime, if you want more information, or want to register for e-mails and updates, visit <http://www.keep-america-fishing.org/california.asp>.

*As always, happy and healthy boating.*

*Mark A. Sandoval*

# CLASSES

## BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-1, will be sponsoring a **Boating Skills and Seamanship** course, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

This is a 7-week course, which will begin April 22, 2009. The classes will be held at Peck Park Recreation Center, 560 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro, (Corner of Western and Crestwood). Cost is \$30.00, for textbooks. For further information call Howard Kay at 310-833-9577.

## CAPTAIN'S COURSE

The Maritime Institute will be conducting a **Captain's Course** (6-pack/100 Ton) in Long Beach, March 16 – 27, 2009 and in Marina Del Rey, April 13 – 24, 2009.

The Maritime Institute is a federally approved school and is authorized to administer an onsite exam in lieu of the U.S. Coast Guard exam.

For more information, contact the Institute at 1-888-262-8020 or visit their website at [www.MaritimeInstitute.com](http://www.MaritimeInstitute.com).

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## TIDE CHART FOR APRIL 2009



		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	
1. W	9:26	0.0	7:40	2.8	1:15	5.2	5:18	2.9	
2. Th	10:52	-0.2	10:14	2.8	2:39	4.9	6:24	3.3	
3. F	11:59	-0.3	11:52	2.3	4:18	4.8	6:59	3.8	
4. Sa	--	--	12:50	-0.5	5:42	4.9	7:30	4.3	
5. Su	12:56	1.6	1:31	-0.5	6:48	5.1	7:59	4.8	
6. Mo	1:46	0.9	2:07	-0.3	7:43	5.1	8:27	5.2	
7. Tu	2:31	0.3	2:39	-0.1	8:32	5.0	8:55	5.5	
8. W	3:13	-0.2	3:09	0.3	9:17	4.8	9:23	5.8	
9. Th	3:54	-0.5	3:37	0.7	10:00	4.5	9:50	5.9	
10. F	4:33	-0.6	4:03	1.2	10:44	4.1	10:18	5.8	
11. Sa	5:13	-0.5	4:29	1.6	11:28	3.7	10:46	5.6	
12. Su	5:55	-0.3	4:52	2.0	12:17	3.3	11:15	5.3	
13. M	6:41	0.0	5:12	2.4	1:17	3.0	11:47	5.0	
14. Tu	7:38	0.3	5:25	2.7	--	--	2:52	2.8	
15. W	8:50	0.6	--	--	12:27	4.6	--	--	
16. Th	10:12	0.6	9:06	3.1	1:26	4.2	6:54	3.2	
17. F	11:19	0.6	11:26	2.9	3:05	3.9	6:54	3.5	
18. Sa	--	--	12:07	0.5	4:45	3.9	7:07	3.8	
19. Su	12:25	2.4	12:43	0.5	5:55	4.0	7:22	4.1	
20. M	1:06	1.8	1:13	0.5	6:48	4.1	7:39	4.5	
21. Tu	1:42	1.2	1:40	0.6	7:34	4.2	7:59	4.9	
22. W	2:18	0.5	2:07	0.7	8:18	4.3	8:22	5.4	
23. Th	2:54	-0.1	2:35	0.9	9:01	4.3	8:48	5.8	
24. F	3:32	-0.6	3:04	1.1	9:46	4.2	9:18	6.1	
25. Sa	4:14	-0.9	3:35	1.4	10:33	4.0	9:15	6.3	
26. Su	4:59	-1.1	4:09	1.7	11:24	3.7	10:29	6.3	
27. M	5:49	-1.1	4:47	2.1	12:23	3.4	11:13	6.2	
28. Tu	6:45	-0.9	5:34	2.4	--	--	1:35	3.2	
29. W	7:50	-0.7	6:42	2.7	12:04	5.8	3:02	3.2	
30. Th	9:01	-0.5	8:29	2.8	1:07	5.4	4:25	3.5	

## INVITATIONAL RACES

Whether you're new to sailing or just want a reason to get out on your boat, come join the fun this year for the **Long Beach Harbor Invitational Series**, a series of 10 sailboat races starting this spring and continuing through the summer.

This is a fun way to meet other sailors, improve your sailing skills and get involved with the sailing community. Race dates are: 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/22, 9/12, 10/10, 11/7. For more information visit [LBHIS.org](http://LBHIS.org)

## SHORELINE BOATOWNERS

In an effort to provide better enforcement in the boatowner parking, we are now issuing stickers for your hanging passes.

Please come by the office at your earliest opportunity to get your '09 **sticker** that will allow you to park in the boatowner parking in 2009 with your hanging pass. We would like to begin enforcement of the new parking passes before the Grand Prix.

# GRAND PRIX IS COMING!

It's noise, excitement, racing in the streets, and fun (depending on your point of view). Some downtown boaters prefer to leave town, while others enjoy all the festivities. No matter which group you fall into, you will be impacted.

First, there is **Press Day, April 7th**. This day allows members of the press to ride the track. Shoreline Drive will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The entrance to the marina will be from Ocean Blvd., east bound to Shoreline Drive, right on Shoreline Drive, through the Alamitos Lot, then across the sand road into the marina itself. The track opens occasionally during the day but the best bet into and out of the marina is via the sand.

**Second is April 10th – 11th** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These dates are set aside to exhibit the latest addition to the Grand Prix, Drifting. On these two dates the street closure on Shoreline Drive will be from Ocean Blvd., to Linden and therefore, the only way into and out of the marina will be via Pine Avenue to Shoreline Village Drive.

Our third and final street closure will be on **race**

**weekend, April 16th – 19th**. Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. the only access to the marina will be via the sand road (just like press day). After 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. entrance to the marina and Shoreline Village will be via Pine Avenue to Shoreline Village Drive.

During race weekend, no vendors or maintenance people will be allowed into the marina. The most important thing for boaters to remember is the parking situation.

**NO GUEST PASSES** of any kind will be issued. Only Long Beach Shoreline Marina parking passes will be honored during the event. If you have friends coming to visit, you need to make plans to bring them into the marina with you or they must walk down. Shoreline Village will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to anyone without Grand Prix tickets.

Parking is difficult at best and very impacted during this event, so, the best suggestion is to plan ahead. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this time. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236

## 11th ANNUAL HALIBUT DERBY

Shoreline Yacht Club Anglers present the 11th Annual HALIBUT DERBY on April 25-26, 2009. Fishing starts at 5:00 a.m., and weigh-in is from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at the SYC tender dock. Prizes will be awarded at the club on Sunday April 26, 2009 starting at 2:30 PM

Minimum derby length is 23" & only 1 fish per angler may be presented for weigh-in each day. You can only hold one spot on the leader board. Your largest fish of the weekend determines your finish. Fish must be in fresh-caught condition. You may not present a fish caught by

another angler. This is an honesty tournament. Any unethical practices by any angler will be grounds for disqualification by derby chairman and/or any other officer of SYC who may be present. In the event of rain or a small-craft advisory, the derby will be rescheduled for May 2-3, 2009. \$30.00 per angler (\$40.00 non-members). You must have signed up with the at the Club office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009. There Will Be No Refund of Entry Fees After 12:00PM April 23rd.

This year a portion of the net proceeds from the 11th Annual Halibut Derby scheduled for April 25-26, 2009 will be donated to the non-profit organization, *The Friends of Rollo*.

### PERMANENTLY BERTHED RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Your help is needed! As the State of California establishes Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) throughout Southern California, it is important that how and where you use your vessel is understood. Responses to an on-line survey will be used to inform the Regional Stakeholder Group in the development of MPA proposals.



To take the survey, go to [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SkF4UwW7tPnkPXX0Ytijjg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SkF4UwW7tPnkPXX0Ytijjg_3d_3d)

### REWARD

Return this fishing pole holder and receive **\$100.00**, no questions asked. Provide information on the theft that results in the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this theft and receive **\$1,000.00**. Contact Vince at (909) 730-7170.

